

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE AS MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FORUM

Art. 1 - Preamble

In implementing the provisions of Regional Law no. 29 of 23 November 2016 "*Lombardy is research and innovation*" - which in article 3 includes among its instruments a *Research and Innovation Regional Forum* (Forum) - this call for the selection of the members of the aforementioned body has been published.

Art. 2 - Composition of the Forum

The Forum will be made up of 10 (ten) members appointed by the Lombardy Regional Council from among experts of international standing, identified in the field of scientific, social and humanistic disciplines, operating in compliance with the criteria of independence, impartiality, confidentiality and transparency.

Appointment as a member of the Forum is for three years and has effect from the regional decree establishing the Body.

The person appointed shall, within 8 (eight) days, formally accept the appointment as a member of the Forum.

Each member is entitled to an annual fee of € 30,000.00 gross.

Art. 3 - Duties and Functioning of the Forum

The Forum, in compliance with the provisions of Regional Law no. 29/2016, shall provide consultations, propositions and information in all fields of research.

As provided for in Law 29/2016, specifically the Forum:

- shall contribute to fostering public debate on the impact of technical-scientific advances on the social-economic fabric, by involving society, the scientific community and parties in the regional research and innovation system, including clusters, technology parks and IRCCS, encouraging the exchange of opinions between stakeholders;
- shall provide opinions and proposals to the Regional Council and the Regional Board - including on the basis of information from the Regional System Bodies referred to in Regional Law 30/2006 - for drafting the *Three-year Strategic Research, Innovation and Technology Transfer Programme* referred to in Article 2, paragraph 2, of Regional Law 29/2016;
- shall provide the Regional Council with useful indications for establishing criteria, priorities and intervention strategies;
- shall define areas and methods of public participation in technical and scientific progress and, in general, innovation phenomena potentially having a major impact on society and the economy;
- shall assess and monitor changes in society's awareness and opinion on scientific and technical issues and shall report on the outcome of these assessments;
- shall monitor security compliance of digital and critical infrastructures and develop proposals and guidelines for digital security management and governance policies;

- shall discuss with national and international research and innovation institutions;
- shall contribute to disseminating the transfer of research results to economic activity, also proposing measures aimed at supporting applied research in micro and small enterprises investing in sustainable and responsible development projects to the Regional Council, and improving the quality of personal services.

The Forum shall meet when convened by its Chairman or at least 6 members, at least 4 times a year, including by telematic means.

Art. 4 - Eligibility requirements

Qualifications in the scientific, social and humanistic disciplines are eligibility requirements.

In addition to qualifications, candidates are required to have proven experience.

Qualifying profiles should come from areas related to the macro-field of the relationship between technical science and society, such as:

- RRI, Responsible Research and Innovation;
- STS, Science and Technologies Studies;
- Public communication of science;
- Participative and deliberative methods;
- Public engagement;
- Social innovation;
- Social impact and social impact assessment;
- Sociology of risk;
- Sociology of science;
- Technology assessment and governance;
- Open Innovation;
- Open science;
- Open Data;
- Data Ethics;
- Bioethics;
- Education;
- Law applied to new technologies;
- Sustainable development;
- Technology transfer.

Knowledge of Italian and English is required for the activities of the Forum.

Art. 5 - Selection procedure

The Region of Lombardy will choose the experts through an international selection procedure.

Interested parties, meeting the requirements set out in Article 4, must submit their applications from 1 March 2022 to 31 March 2022, accompanied by a letter of *endorsement* from institutions, bodies and civil organisations (non-governmental organisations, grassroots organisations, social partners, etc.).

Persons who have served as members of the Forum in the previous three-year period shall not be eligible to apply under this call.

Applications, accompanied by curriculum vitae and professional experience, must be sent by 31 March 2022 to **fororicercainnovazione@regione.lombardia.it**.

Art. 6 - Selection criteria

Experts shall be appointed based on a comparative analysis of their curricula, taking into account the following criteria:

- qualifications in scientific, social and humanistic disciplines;
- postgraduate specialisations obtained;
- professional experience in the field of the discipline(s) concerned, with particular focus on international experience proving a clear international reputation as well as experience in the areas listed in Article 4 above.

Art. 7 - Establishment of the Technical Assessment Committee

For the selection of the applications, a "*Technical Assessment Committee*" has been set up - by decree of the Director General for *Education, Universities, Research, Innovation and Simplification* of the Lombardy Region - consisting of 5 experts, including external experts, in matters relating to regional policies on research and innovation,

For the purposes of the selection under this call, the Lombardy Region guarantees equal opportunities within the *Technical Assessment Committee*.

Art. 8 - Assessment procedure

Applications received by the deadline - subject to verification of the formal eligibility requirements by the Director General for *Education, Universities, Research, Innovation and Simplification* - will be assessed by the *Technical Assessment Committee*.

The Committee will carry out a comparative analysis of the curricula and formulate a shortlist of candidates considered to have a high technical and scientific profile, to be submitted to the Regional Council via proposal by the competent Director General.

Appointment as a member of the Forum shall be banned for those who have been convicted of offences against the Public Administration or have a conflict of interest.

Appointment as a member of the Forum shall also be banned for those who, through any kind of offence, damage the image of the Region.

Art. 9 - Appointment of members of the FORUM

Members of the Forum are appointed by decision of the Regional Council, after taking note of the applications and the results of the selection process.

Article 10 - Cases of removal or forfeiture

Members of the Forum shall automatically lapse from office upon expiry of the same. Unexcused absence from more than two consecutive meetings shall automatically result in lapsing of office. The following also constitute grounds for removal: violation of the principles of confidentiality, independence and transparency; damage to the image of the Region; the issue of a definitive criminal sentence entailing disqualification from holding public office or the emergence of a conflict of interests.

Article 11 - Processing of personal data

Pursuant to the Personal Data Protection Code (Article 13 of EU Regulation no. 2016/679) laying down provisions for the protection of persons and other subjects with regard to the processing of personal data, we inform you that the personal data provided by candidates will be collected at the Directorate for *Education, University, Research, Innovation and Simplification* of the Lombardy Region for the purposes of managing the selection and will be processed in an automated database (with the use of computer procedures) and stored in digital form. The Data Controller adopts appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to the type of data processed.

The provision of such data is compulsory for the purposes of assessing the eligibility requirements, under penalty of exclusion from the selection process.

The candidate has the rights referred to in Article 7 of the above-mentioned legislation, including the right of access to the data concerning him/her as well as certain complementary rights, including the right to have erroneous, incomplete or unlawfully collected data corrected, updated, completed or deleted, as well as the right to object on legitimate grounds to their processing.

Exercise of the rights provided for in Articles 15 to 22 of EU Regulation No. 2016/679, as further detailed in the attached privacy policy is guaranteed.

The data controller is the Lombardy Region, in the person of its *pro tempore* legal representative, with registered office in Milan, Piazza Città di Lombardia, no. 1.

The Data Protection Officer (DPO) was appointed by Resolution No. 294 of 28 June 2018 - email address: rpd@regione.lombardia.it.

Article 12 - Final provisions

The person in charge of the procedure is the pro-tempore Director of the *Communication, Open Innovation and Finance for Research and Innovation* Unit of the Director General for *Education, Universities, Research, Innovation and Simplification*.

Any information required in relation to this call may be requested at fororicercainnovazione@regione.lombardia.it.